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July 28, 2003

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

ATTN: Safety Net Additive Support Qualification

RE: Safety Net Additive Support Qualification, CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Secretary:

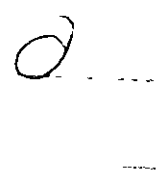
Please accept this as written notice that The Tri-County Telephone Association, Inc., 411839 is seeking to qualify for safety net additive support, pursuant to Section 36.605 of the Commission's rules. This qualification is based on an increase of at least 14% in per loop telecommunications plant in service (TPIS) between 2002 and 2001. Written notice is simultaneously being provided to Ms. Irene Flannery of the Universal Service Administrative Company. Further, this notice is being provided in conjunction with the carriers' annual data submission to the National Exchange Carrier Association.

Please direct all correspondence relating to this filing to the undersigned. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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